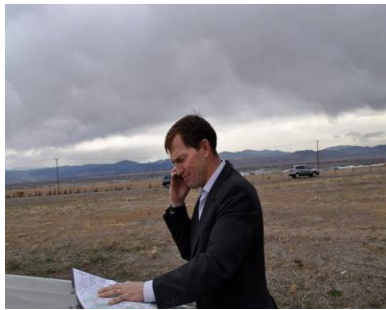


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GOVERNOR HICKENLOOPER CALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DWAYNE ROMERO TO CHECK ON THE PROGRESS OF THE STATEWIDE BOTTOM-UP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR

***ROMERO RESPONDS FROM SIDE OF ROAD SAYING “THE THIRD AND
FINAL ROUND STARTS MONDAY, MAY 2ND IN CANON CITY”***



DENVER- Thursday, April 28, 2011- After logging more than 14,000 miles touring the state in the last 15 weeks – traveling from Durango to Limon and many small towns in between – the Bottom-up Economic Development Tour and Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) Executive Director Dwayne Romero received a telephone call from Gov. John Hickenlooper to check on the tour’s progress and where exactly Dwayne was at the moment.

Romero answered the Governor’s call from the side of the road (pictured) and explained that the third and final round of the tour was heading to Cañon City for an 11am meeting on Monday, May 2 at City Hall. Romero said the first two rounds of the tour went well. “The Bottom-up Economic Development Tour has reached all 64 counties in Colorado two times, and we will touch them all again on this third round”.

Gov. Hickenlooper hosted eight meetings in four days during the first round of the tour right after Inauguration Day and then participated in several meetings during the second round as well. The complete list of meetings for the third round of the tour is included below.

OEDIT has recorded good participation from the 93 total meetings that have occurred across the state. One meeting in Walsenburg attracted more than 150 people and another in Craig drew almost 200 people adding to the total of more than 8,000 Coloradoans now involved and engaged in the Bottom-up Economic Development Tour.

To date, OEDIT has received more than 8,539 survey responses and more continue to come in. To participate in the public survey on economic development visit www.advancecolorado.com/bottomup and click “Online Survey” in the left-hand column.

The next step after this third and final round of regional meetings will include the completion of a statewide draft report with a public comment period. Additional information on the Bottom-up plan can be found at www.advancecolorado.com/bottomup

Bottom-up Round Three Schedule

Monday, May 2

11:00am-1:00pm Cañon City Hall, Council Chambers, 128 Main St., Cañon City, CO 81212

4:00pm-6:00pm Las Animas County Commissioners Office, 200 E 1st St. #110, Trinidad, CO 81082

Tuesday, May 3

8:00am-10:00am- Lamar Community Building, 610 South 6th St. Lamar, CO 81052

11:00am-2:00pm- The Business Incubator, 2591 Legacy Way Grand Junction, CO 81503

1:00pm-3:00pm- Burlington Community and Education Center, 340 S. 14th St. Burlington, CO 80807

6:15pm-8:15pm- Carroll Building, 418 Edison Street, Brush, CO 80723

Wednesday, May 4

10:00am-12:00pm- Weld County Hearing Room, 918 10th St., Greeley, CO 80631

3:30pm-5:30pm- Fire Department: Copper Mountain Office, 477 Copper Road, Copper Mountain, CO 80443

Thursday, May 5

11:30am-1:30pm- 4H Center, 22739 Highway 550, Ridgway, CO. 81432

4:30pm-6:30pm First National Bank, Community Room, 2258 E. Main St. Cortez, CO 81321

Friday, May 6th

9:00am-11:00am- Kiwanis Hall, 5th and Broadway, Center, CO 81125

Monday, May 9th

10:00am-12:00pm- Commerce City Rec. Center, 6060 E Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO 80022

3:00pm-5:00pm- Vectra Bank Colorado, Conference Room, 361 E US Highway 24, Woodland Park, CO 80863